[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 15 OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, under sub-rule (3) of Rule 15 of the Madras Council Rules, I move—

'*that the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949, as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration before the Draft Rules under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948*'."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion before the House is—

'that the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949, as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration before the Draft Rules under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948'."

The motion was carried.

III.—THE MADRAS ESSENTIAL ARTICLES CONTROL AND REQUISITIONING (TEMPORARY POWERS) BILL, 1949.

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Mr. Deputy President, Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of* 1949) *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" The House is aware that on the 18th October 1949, the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Ordinance was promulgated by His Excellency the Governor. As the Ordinance has to be brought forward in the form of a Bill and passed into an Act before the prescribed period, I request the hon. Members to consider and pass the Bill.

" The provisions of this Bill are the same as those of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers), Act, 1946, with only a few consequential changes. Some clauses may appear to be new, but actually they are not new but the same as the sections of the 1946 Act. Many of the provisions of the Act were not enforced at all, as there was no occasion for enforcing them. It only gives power to the Government, and it will be used on very rare occasions and perhaps not at all used."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

'that the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."